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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-99-5723 -- 13**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

In the matter of: **Expanded Air Services at Hawaii International Airports**

Date Filed: April 12, 2001

Background: By Order 99-12-10, issued December 10, 1999, the Department granted the petition of the State of Hawaii requesting certain blanket exemption authority to foreign air carriers. Specifically, we granted blanket exemption authority to all foreign air carriers that hold scheduled permit or exemption authority (except foreign air carriers of the United Kingdom)<sup>1</sup> (1) to conduct expanded cargo transfer flexibility at Honolulu and Kona International Airports and (2) to serve Honolulu and Kona, and to coterminimize Honolulu and Kona with other U.S. points for which they hold our authority. We also invited eligible foreign carriers to apply, subject to the standard discussed in Order 99-12-10, for authority to serve new U.S. points on an extrabilateral basis, so long as these flights also serve Honolulu and/or Kona.

Relief requested: On April 12, 2001, the State of Hawaii petitioned the Department to renew the authority granted by Order 99-12-10, and to extend the applicability of Order 99-12-10 to include Hilo International Airport. In support of its petition, the State of Hawaii stated that extending this authority to include Hilo will guarantee that the many communities on the eastern shore of the island will be able to enjoy the expected long-term economic benefits of this exemption, and that its request should be approved based on the same public interest findings the Department relied on in initially granting this authority.

Applicant representative: Rise Peters 202-879-4000

Responsive pleadings: None

**DISPOSITION**

Action: Approved

Action date: June 25, 2001

Effective dates of authority granted: June 25, 2001 - June 25, 2003

Remarks: We find that the public interest bases upon which we originally granted this authority remain valid and support renewal and amendment of the exemption authority granted by Order 99-12-10 to include Hilo International Airport.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of Order 99-12-10.

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director,  
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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<sup>1</sup> For the reasons discussed in Orders 96-9-19 and 96-11-2, we did not grant this type of extrabilateral authority to foreign air carriers of the United Kingdom. However, the existing Hawaii authority held by carriers of the United Kingdom was not affected by our actions in Order 99-12-10.